and schemes like Integrated Wool Improvement Programme (IWIP) in the 10th Five Year Plan to increase indigenous wool production in the country, having components of Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme (SWIS), Development of Speciality Fibres (Pashmina and Angora), Quality Processing of Wool etc. These schemes, with a more focused approach, and some modifications, are intended to be continued during the 11th Five Year Plan. Moreover, an Insurance Scheme to cover Sheep mortality is also being proposed for the 11th Five Year Plan. In order to promote export of woollen products, Government has been implementing Schemes of Market Development Assistance (MDA) and the Market Access Initiative (MAI) etc.

Textile Parks in Maharashtra

2570. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to increase textile production in the country, the Ministry of Textiles has formulated a scheme to develop Integrated Textile Parks in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the total number of such Integrated Textile Parks likely to be developed in Maharashtra, alongwith the locations thereof; and

(c) the number of people expected to get employment through these parks, alongwith the estimated annual production by such parks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) To provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units, Government is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP).

(b) Under the SITP, so far, 28 projects have been sanctioned. Six (6) projects from the State of Maharashtra have been sanctioned-3 in Ichalkaranji area of Kohlapur district and one each at Wada, Tarapur and Baramati.

(c) These textile parks, after becoming fully functional, would facilitate employment generation of more than five lakh persons (direct/indirect) and annual textile production worth Rs. 22,000 crore (Approximately).